

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Cynthia M. Bouchez on 7/1/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- In claim 5, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.
- In claim 5, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the third line of the claim has been deleted.
- In claim 6, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.
- In claim 6, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the third line of the claim has been deleted.
- In Claim 8 The phrase --*Deuteromycetes, Pseudomonadaceae, Rhizobiaceae, Enterobacteriaceae, and Streptomyetaceae*-- has been replaced with "and Deuteromycetes."

Art Unit: 1621

- In claim 8, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.

- In claim 9, the phrase --*Trichoderma, Escherichia, Pseudomonas and Staphylococcus*-- has been replaced with “and Trichoderma.”

- In claim 9, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.

- In claim 10, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.

- In claim 11, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.

- In claim 12, the phrase --*Deuteromycetes, Pseudomonadaceae, Rhizobiaceae, Enterobacteriaceae, and Streptomyacetaceae*-- has been replaced with “and Deuteromycetes.”

- In claim 12, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.

- In claim 13, the phrase --*Trichoderma, Escherichia, Pseudomonas and Staphylococcus*-- has been replaced with “and Trichoderma.”

- In claim 13, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.

Art Unit: 1621

- In claim 14, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.
- In claim 15, the phrase --*or bacteria*-- in the first line of the claim has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yevgeny Valenrod whose telephone number is 571-272-9049. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan can be reached on 571-272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

Application/Control Number: 10/579,033

Page 5

Art Unit: 1621

/Yevgeny Valenrod/

Yevgeny Valenrod
Patent Examiner
Technology Center 1600

/Daniel M Sullivan/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1621